



The GARzette

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Field Day June 23—24



Join us at Harbins Park!

Message from the President

There is a question I've been meaning to ask.... especially to GARS members.
WHAT BROUGHT YOU TO YOUR FIRST FIELD DAY?

For new Hams, do we do a good job of letting our members and the community know what Field Day is and what it represents? I think we do a great job of organizing stations, modes, setting up antennas, power and yes, the all important aspect of any Ham event...the FOOD.

Since we are just weeks away from Field Day 2018, I won't assume that everyone knows what Field Day is and how much fun it can be. After all, GARS helps dozens of people get licensed and on the air every year and I'll bet many have never been to a Field Day. I had been a Ham for over thirty years and had only been to one Field Day. It might have been a stretch to call it a Field Day since it was just one station at a Red Cross office. There was one person there and they were not operating or encouraging or helping anyone get on the air. I think I may have tried to make a couple of contacts, felt discouraged and went home.

Fast Forward to around 2005 and now a GARS member. My family had already enjoyed full Saturday at the lake and returned home. I seemed to remember some GARS event operating overnight at a local park and decided to drop by for a few minutes. It's 10 o'clock at night and the site is as bright as daylight around two pavilions with many people milling about.

I quickly saw what was going on. There were eight separate stations set up with at least two people at each station. I learned that one was making contacts and one was the logger entering the contacts. Looking over their shoulders, it was fascinating to watch them make contact after contact across the US and Canada. In just a few minutes, I was asked if I wanted to give it a try. I graciously declined in favor of watching some more, but they would not accept that and invited me to sit down and log contacts to get the feel. It must have been an hour later that I was asked to slide over and take the mike. I had been licensed for over 40 years and with an Extra License was not afraid to make contacts...or so I thought. It was fascinating to hear stations hundreds and thousands of miles away working hard to make contact with me. Needless to say, I was hooked and finally went home after four hours or so with a feeling of accomplishment. I



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had discovered the fun of Field Day.

Field Day can mean different things to different people and groups and there is not one right or wrong way to participate. With the basic objective according to the ARRL, “to work as many stations as possible on any and all amateur bands and to learn to operate in abnormal situations in less than optimal conditions”. Whether operating from home or a remote location by yourself, setting up with a few friends or organizing a multi-station, multi-operator club event for 24 hours, Field Day is a wonderful way to gain experience on the air, demonstrate Amateur Radio to our community and showcase emergency preparedness.

Whether an experienced Ham or a newbie, Field Day offers something for everyone. While many contacts will be made on voice, hundreds of digital and CW contacts will be made. You say you haven't tried a digital mode, here's an opportunity to learn and gain experience. Don't have 24 hours to come out and operate? Come out anytime from setup on Saturday morning or operate for a couple of hours anytime until Sunday afternoon. GARS will make one promise to you. Not only will you enjoy Field Day with GARS, but you are guaranteed not to go hungry.

Grab a friend (licensed or unlicensed) and come out to Harbins Park on Saturday, June 23 to Sunday, June 24 and enjoy Field Day 2018 GARS style.

73,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Adams". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized 'J' at the beginning.

WB4QDX, Club President

"It is not the class of license the Amateur holds, but the class of the Amateur that holds the license."

[Author Unknown]

GARS June Meeting and Workshop

ICE CREAM SOCIAL at Harbins Park / Field Day Discussion

Tuesday, June 12, 2018 7:00 pm



Harbins Park
2995 Luke Edwards Road
Dacula, GA 30019



[Directions to Harbins Park](#)

Getting Started with Satellites

by Ruth Willet, KM4LAO
Tuesday, June 19, 2018 7:00 pm

Sports Aviation Complex—Hangar 1
690 Airport Road
Lawrenceville, GA 30045

[Directions to EAA Hangar](#)

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GARS Communications

<u>2 Meter Repeaters</u> 147.075(+) MHz Tone 82.5 147.255(+) MHz Tone 107.2	<u>6 Meter Repeater</u> 53.110 (-1 MHz) No Tone (Offline for Maintenance)
<u>1.25 Meter Repeater</u> 224.580(-) MHz Tone 100.0, 1.6 MHz Offset	<u>Other Resources:</u> <u>APRS</u> 144.390 -- 1200 Baud W4GR
<u>70 Cm Repeaters</u> 444.525(+) MHz Tone 82.5 442.100(+) MHz Tone 100 442.325(+) MHz Tone 100	<u>D-STAR</u> WD4STR 145.060 + (1.4 MHz) 440.550 + (5 MHz)

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May STEM Day

That's what it's all about.....

Over the last few years, I've had the opportunity to present amateur radio to school aged kids at a number of Atlanta Science Fairs, Maker Faires and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) functions. I should stop, and mention right here, that this was not a singular effort but the effort of several volunteers from GARS and other area clubs. At the end of each event the conversation was always the same, revolving around three questions:

- Did we make an impact?
- Were we successful in getting kids interested in science and math?
- Will the kids pursue amateur radio as a hobby?

Unfortunately, almost always, the answer was the same. **“It was hard to measure.”** Very rarely do we see young people like Andrea Hartlage or Ruth Willet come through the organization after an educational event like those listed above or Field Day.

That's why I was encouraged by two events that took place a few weeks ago. The first was “Field Day at McConnell Middle School.” We set up a portable operation running off battery power. We had two stations going (2M Repeater and 20M SSB). Antennas were a mag mount for 2M and 20M ham sticks on a military “push-up.” A solar panel trickle charged the battery during operation. All the kids in McConnell's Radio Club got to talk to somebody, but what made my day (and his) was when Antonio (8th grader, GARS member, KM4AXM) made a DX contact with a gentleman in Spain under the poorest of conditions. Antonio's eyes lit up and I was thinking **“that's what it's all about.”** The McConnell Field Day was a smaller version of what GARS puts on, but food was still provided.

The second event took place the following day at Mason Elementary School in Duluth. It was their annual STEM Day, where about 150 5th graders are cycled through five class rooms, where companies or organizations present STEM related activities. This was GARS 4th trip to Mason Elementary STEM Day. We presented Morse Code, 2M Repeater and 20M SSB/Digital. It's a pretty long and hard day for the GARS volunteers, even though the kids seemed truly interested in our displays. At the end we all agreed we were ready for nap time. And, once again, it was hard to measure if we really made an impact. That's why I was surprised when a package arrived at my house with about 50 cards and letters thanking the “hamm (sic.)” men for taking the time to present amateur radio at the school. Please take a moment to read Riley Lindenmayer's letter, **“that's what it's all about.”**, on the next page.

Ralph Pickwick, KJ4CNC

May STEM Day (cont'd)

Dear Hamm Radio Operators,

Thank you for teaching us about the Hamm radios, and what you get to do with them. It was very interesting and I learned a ton. Your demonstrations were my favorite part of STEM day. I learned Morse code, talked to someone over the radio, and watched signals go across the screen.

Thank you all for teaching us something new. You made our STEM day awesome!

With thanks,

Riley Lindenmayer

Riley Lindenmayer

Mrs. Moe's class

2018

GARS Happenings

GARS members supporting the Dacula Memorial Day Parade!



GARS HELP WANTED

Public Information Officer (PIO) - Serve as the official GARS spokesperson. Provide information to the public and media when necessary. Write articles about GARS events (Field Day and other events) and release them to local media sources. To find out more about what is involved in being a club PIO, see [The ARRL PR-101 Page](#).

[Techfest.info](#) webmaster—a volunteer is needed to take over maintaining the [Techfest.info](#) website. Website changes typically start the months leading up to the TechFest event in January and end shortly after the event with summaries and wrap-up. Experience with maintaining a website under Wordpress or another Content Management System is desired but not required.

Georgia QSO Party Chairperson - a volunteer is needed to organize and coordinate next year's Georgia QSO Party in April, 2019 and beyond. The chairperson will schedule the facility, recruit station captains and volunteers to organize food and antennas.

Winter Field Day (WFD) Chairperson -- a volunteer is needed to organize and coordinate next year's Winter Field Day operating event in January, 2019 and beyond. The chairperson will schedule the facility, recruit station captains and volunteers to organize food and antennas. The outgoing Chairperson (Dave, W4DTR) will train you if needed.

If you're interested in volunteering for one of these positions, please contact one of the GARS Officers. Supporting GARS activities is an important part of what we do and the help of club members is needed.

[PS— articles to publish in the GARzette, either written by GARS members or published elsewhere, are always welcome.
—Ed.]

Beginner's Corner

App Happy

I have had a smart phone only for a couple years. One thing I wanted to do with my smart phone was to use it in pursuit of my amateur radio experience. Those neat little programs they have for smart phones are called “apps”. I presume that is an abbreviated form of the word “application”. I have found out just how useful these apps are in amateur radio. My computer is also able to download apps. Apps can be very helpful, even for the new ham.

 Scanner Radio ★★★★★  Free*	 Satellite Explorer ★★★★★  Free	 Amateur Radio Exams ★★★★★  \$4.99*	 Technician ★★★★★  \$2.99*	 Morse Code Dot Dot Dot ★★★★★  Free*	 Amateur Radio Exams... ★★★★★  \$2.99*
 Amateur Radio Exams... ★★★★★  \$2.99*	 HF Propagation ★★★★★  \$2.99	 Beacons ★★★★★  \$1.99	 Radio Manual ★★★★★  \$2.99	 Ham License Exams ★★★★★  \$4.99	 iCluster - The DX-Cluster... ★★★★★  \$0.99

Here are some apps that are helpful for the new ham: The first one I will mention is a compass app. This can help you align a directional antenna. Let's say you are at a park and you want to align your antenna to hit a repeater that is due north. Just pull up the compass app and go for it. I question the accuracy of the compass app I downloaded, but it gets me in the ballpark. And, hey, it was free. Many available apps are free, and hams like free. I am sure there are other compass apps that are more accurate. I have an Android phone that uses Play Store to download apps. Check the ratings of any app you download. Sometimes even paying just a couple of dollars may get you a great app.

Another app I found useful was one that displays latitude and longitude. Another, GridCalc, displays the Maidenhead Grid Square. Amateurs have divided the earth into grid squares, each with a unique identifier. These grid square locations help DX-ers (hams who try to contact distant locations) identify where they are at.

Weather. Hams need to keep up on weather happenings. You never know when a storm will hit. If you are home, you want to disconnect your external antenna from your radio, at least. If you are out somewhere, such as a Field Day location, being forewarned of weather conditions may save your life. I have a weather radar app in my phone. I also have the weather app for a local television station, and the Weather Channel app.

The number of amateur radio apps that will be useful to any ham is nearly endless. I have chosen just a few in this column, but hopefully it will peak your interest. Looking in the app store under “amateur radio” or “ham radio”, you will find hundreds of them. If one is free and you don’t like it, simply delete it and look for another. If you don’t like an app that you have purchased, you will still only be out a few dollars.

Grab your smart phone, and great app hunting!

73 de *David Harden, KJ4CMY*

Gwinnett ARES Highlights

By Karen Whited, AB4NW

Welcome to the inaugural column showcasing Gwinnett ARES where we will provide a recap on recent activities and profile a member. Meetings are held the 4th Tuesday at 7:30pm at the Emergency Operations Center on Hi Hope Road.

For our April meeting, we enjoyed a presentation by Kyle Albritton W4KDA on Skywarn and Net Procedures. We learned tips and procedures not only for our regular Monday night nets but also for Skywarn nets.



At our May meeting, Earl Whatley AF4FG (shown above) gave a presentation on our ham radio room in the Emergency Operations Center. Touring the radio room, we were educated on basic operations of the radios as well as the reporting and communications software, WebEOC.



Our efforts to get a station at Gwinnett Medical Center-Duluth are moving forward, with a very



productive meeting and walk through with GMC personnel and Larry Whited AB4NX. Shown above is our station at Gwinnett Medical Center-Lawrenceville in place on the top floor. Monthly exercises are conducted on site.



The state's *Mobile Command Vehicle Exercise* was held the week of April 30 at Lake Lanier Islands. John Davis WB4QDX, Larry Whited AB4NX, and Bill Hawkins WR1TR (shown above) attended and learned a great deal about public safety operations, incident command, ICS forms, and problem solving in the field.

MEMBER PROFILE: *Bill Hawkins WR1TR*

Bill is from Lawrenceville and is originally from Houston TX. He is married to Ellen and has two children: Jared, 21, and Angel, 22. He was first licensed in 1984 but never operated until he was re-licensed in 2015. He's been an ARES member since August 2016 and is a GARS member.



His radio gear includes an IC-7300, FT-857D, ID880H x 2, FT-8900, 3 HTs, long wire antennas, hex beam, many mobile antennas, and an Elk log periodic. He earned two BS degrees from Liberty University and is currently self employed, having started working at age 11. He enjoys the public service aspect of ham radio and loves chasing DX. He also enjoys woodworking and playing the guitar.

Net Managers Corner

Monday Night 2 Meter “Want, Swap, Sell, and Information Net”

GARS NEEDS MEMBERS TO SERVE AS NET CONTROL STATIONS!

GARS is a great Amateur Radio service club and we have the membership and awards to prove it. Our club is a very busy and active club and we use the Monday night net to get the information out to our members. Weekly participation is needed to make our net function well. There is only a small group of very dedicated people that make the net happen each week, and we need more members to volunteer to serve as Net Control Stations (NCS) on a rotating basis.

Out of almost 300 members, there are only fifteen primary people who serve as NCS for the GARS net every Monday night. In no particular order, they are:

Norm - WA4ZXV	Kyle - W4KDA	Mitch - N0DIM
Ruth - KM4LAO	Hal - W4IGE	Don - KW4AL
Ray - N4GYN	Sandy - KJ4DRO	John - WB4QDX
Bill - KK4AUA	David - KK4KAF	Kevin - KK4WOG
Chuck - KK4TKJ	Mike - KK4KHS	Donna - KM4FMW

As GARS Net Manager (Chuck KK4TKJ), I really need 26 people to fill NCS positions. I do plan and post the schedule months in advance. Any conditions will be accommodated that you as a rotating NCS need to place on the scheduling of your duties. If your plans change, I can make adjustments for the schedule to work, and I will make those changes happen as soon as I am notified of a problem. As Net Manager, I also send out reminders each week to let the NCS scheduled know he or she is NCS for the next Monday night net. In short, serving as a rotating NCS is a small duty but a great contribution to the club.

The “Want, Swap, Sell Information Net” begins promptly at 19:30 every Monday night and runs about 45 minutes. As a scheduled NCS, you will request the assistance of a volunteer alternate NCS each time you have Net Control. Your simple duties will be to tune in to the GARS repeater, read the script, take a few notes and forward the information to me for record keeping.

Please lend a hand and contact me at KK4TKJ@arrl.net. Sign up to help support the effort that makes GARS the great club that it is.

73 and see you on the Nets!

Chuck McCord, KK4TKJ

GARS Net Manager

GARS Membership Page

New GARS Members in May

Michael Bales (KN4MJW)
Edward Lodden (KX4KL)
Lawrence Teper (KN4CGP)

New Members: 3

Total Members as of June 1, 2018
296

Join GARS members for our weekly breakfast gathering at 7:30 AM most Saturdays

at

**Golden Corral
2155 Riverside Parkway
Lawrenceville, GA 30043**

[\(Directions\)](#)

The following members are celebrating birthdays in June:

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!
From All of Us at GARS**

Mark Bell (N7GRB)
Mark Brisbay (KJ4CUO)
Harold Brown (KI4FPR)
Hope Collier
John Davis (WB4QDX)
Jim Gaffney (K4YNA)
Sarah Harden (KK4WEM)
James Hinkle (AG4ON)
Ray Kaplan (KA9GJL)
Robert Kimsey (KM4BHK)
Yubin Lin (KM4TVY)
Fisher Londono (KN4FWN)
Ralph Matchette (KE4IHD)
Lew Newlin (KM4YWK)
Brian Page (N4TRB)
Charles Roberts (K4HFO)
Ron Rogers (WW8RR)
Bill Van Duynhoven (KE4TVA)
Courtney Wagner (KN4GZI)

GARS MEMBERSHIP

Your current GARS membership status is shown in the monthly newsletter e-mail towards the bottom of the message.

To become a GARS member, or to renew your GARS membership, please visit our website—<http://www.gars.org>

To make changes to your GARS membership (moved, new e-mail address, new phone number, etc.), please e-mail the Membership Committee - membership@gars.org

You can **renew or update** your Amateur Radio license information with the FCC at their website for free <http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/index.htm?job=home>

To update your ARRL information, please visit their website - <http://www.arrl.org>

Membership Chair: Karen Albritton, KI4HPP
Committee Members: Dave Bruse, W4DTR, Pam Meridy, WB1AKQ

EXTRA! EXTRA!

Repeater Status

6M	currently down
147.075	Operational in Snellville
147.255	Operational in Snellville
224.580	Operational in Grayson
442.100	Operational at Goshen Springs
442.325	Operational in Buford
444.525	Operational in Snellville
	Link remote receivers being added

G A R S Officers and Committee Chairs

John Davis, President	WB4QDX	
Sandy Jackson, Vice President	KJ4DRO	
Joe Biddle, Secretary	AD4PZ	
Pam Meridy, Treasurer	WB1AKQ	
Randy Collins, Program Manager	N4COR	
Karen Albritton, Membership Chair	KI4HPP	
Dave Bruse, VE Team Leader and Winter Field Day Chair	W4DTR	
David Adcock, Webmaster and Field Day Chair	KA4KKF	
Dorothy Jubon, Public Information Officer	N2DLJ	
Ralph Pickwick, Apparel Manager and Education Chair	KJ4CNC	
Neal Gilchrist, TechFest Chair	W4HNG	
Bill Eggers, GARzette Editor	WB2RIS	
Eddie Foust, Repeater Chair	WD4JEM	
Mike Weathers, WAS-Checker and Historian	ND4V	
Chuck McCord, Net Manager	KK4TKJ	
Mike Swiderski, Technical / RFI Advisor	K4HBI	
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Kyle Albritton, Multimedia Chair	W4KDA	
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GARS on Social Media

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GARS MEETING MINUTES

Gwinnett Amateur Radio Society – GENERAL Meeting Minutes 5/8/2018

President John Davis (WB4QDX) opened the meeting at 7:00pm and closed the meeting at 8:45pm

EAA Facility, 690 Hanger Rd. Lawrenceville, GA.

Introductions and Visitors: Visitors were recognized and full Introductions of the [60] attendees followed.

Treasurer: Pam Meridy (WB1AKQ) Gave the Club financial report.

Membership Report: Karen Albritton (KI4HPP) reported for the Membership Chair that Membership is at [297].

Program Chair: Rand Collins (N4COR)

Upcoming Programs:

- June – Ice cream social at the Field Day location
- July – Active Shooter
- August – New License, now what?
- September - EAA
- October – Show and tell
- November – Bouvet DX Expedition

GARS Education – Ralph (KJ4CNC) reports,

- Thursday 5/3 they were at McConnell Middle School for a Mini Field Day. Thanks went out to: **N7GRB, KA4KKF, WB2OGY & KN4CGO.**
- Friday 5/4, (**KJ4CNC, W4KLY, ND4V & WA4Z XV**) were at Mason Elementary School in Duluth for a Demo with 150 - 5th graders to talk with hams on various bands. Thanks went out to: **N7GRB, WR1TR, KN4FNW & KK4WOG** for providing valuable QSO's.
- Recognition Note: **Russell (KN4CGO)** Donated a Radio to the McConnell Middle School for future on the air activities.

Field Day Tee Shirt: Pre Sales have ended. Design winner: Marvin Averton

GARS Workshop Program: David (W4DTR) outlined the next few workshop sessions coming up:

- **June:** Getting Started With Satellites
- **July:** CPR / AED
- **August:** Show & Tell of CW Keys
- **September:** Introduction to D-STAR

May Madness – Earl (AF4FG) explained a rule change: New members will receive not 1, but 2 (Two) Points per contact made.

Memorial Day Parade – Earl (AF4FG) gave details to assignment locations, staging layout and road usage restrictions.

Venture Crew 73 – Steve (WB2OGY) presented to GARS the current Venture Crew 73/GARS Charter.

Georgia QSO Party – Pam (WB1AKQ) reported this year's effort:

- We had 402 Contacts for 48,837 Points and surpassed last year's effort.
- An Award Certificate went to **Paul (W4KLY)** with the **MOST CW Contacts at 127.**
- An Award Certificate went to **GREG (KM4RKT)** with the **MOST PHONE Contacts at 63.**

BREAK:

Program:

Field Day Presented by **David Adcock (KA4KKF)**

Submitted by: Joe Biddle (AD4PZ),
GARS Secretary

ARRL CONTESTING INFO

From ARRL Contest Calendar

> For more information click the links <

June 2018

9-11 [June VHF](#)
16 [Kid's Day](#)
23-24 [Field Day](#)

July 2018

9-11 [IARU HF World Championship](#)

August 2018

4-5 [222 MHz & Up Distance Contest](#)
18-19 [10 GHz and Up – Round 1](#)
19 [Rookie Roundup - RTTY](#)

September 2018

8-10 [September VHF](#)
15-16 [10 GHz & Up—Round 2](#)
29-30 [EME - 2.3 GHz And Up](#)

October 2018

15-19 [School Club Roundup](#)
27-28 [EME - 50 to 1296 MHz](#)

November 2018

24-25 [EME - 50 to 1296 MHz](#)
3-5 [Nov. Sweepstakes – CW](#)
17-19 [Nov. Sweepstakes – Phone](#)
30 [160 Meter \(Day 1\)](#)

December 2018

1-2 [160 Meter \(Days 2 and 3\)](#)
8-9 [10 Meter](#)
16 [Rookie Roundup—CW](#)

January 2019

1 [Straight Key Night](#)
5 [Kid's Day](#)
5-6 [RTTY Roundup](#)
19-21 [January VHF Sweepstakes](#)

February 2019

11-15 [School Club Roundup](#)
16-17 [International DX – CW](#)

March 2019

2-3 [International DX– Phone](#)

For more information:

<http://www.arrl.org/contest-calendar>

HAMFEST CALENDAR

06/16/2018 | [Knoxville Hamfest](#)

Location: Knoxville, TN
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Radio Amateur Club of Knoxville
Website: <http://www.w4bbb.org>

07/28/2018 | [Greater Nashville & Middle Tennessee HamQuest](#)

Location: Lebanon, TN
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Sponsor: Wilson County Amateur Radio Club
Website: <http://midtnhamquest.com>

08/18/2018 | [Southeastern Division Convention \(Huntsville Hamfest\)](#)

Location: Huntsville, AL
Type: ARRL Convention
Sponsor: Huntsville Hamfest Association
Website: <http://www.hamfest.org>

08/31/2018 | [Roanoke Division Convention \(Shelby Hamfest\)](#)

Location: Shelby, NC
Type: ARRL Convention
Sponsor: Shelby Amateur Radio Club
Website: <http://shelbyhamfest.org>

11/03/2018 | [Georgia Section Convention \(Stone Mountain Hamfest\)](#)

Location: Lawrenceville, GA
Type: ARRL Convention
Sponsor: Alford Memorial Radio Club
Website: <http://stonemountainhamfest.com/>

For more information:

<http://www.arrl.org/hamfests-and-conventions-calendar>

Note: When searching by division, remember some states adjacent to GA are in different divisions:

Southeastern: GA, AL, FL Delta: TN Roanoke: NC, SC

GARS Events Calendar for 2018

Dog Show Fundraisers	February 1-4, August
Tech HamCrams	March 31, October
TechFest (www.techfest.info)	January 20
Winter Field Day	January 27 & 28
Georgia QSO Party	April 14 & 15
North metro area Fox Hunt	April 7
May Madness	May 4-13
Memorial Day Parade	May 28
ARC/KARC Hamfest	June 2
Field Day	June 23 & 24
General HamCram	July
JOTA	October
Maker Faire	October
Stone Mt. Hamfest	November 3 & 4
Christmas Party	December

July GARS Speaker Active Shooter by Officer Coats

GARS Recurring Calendar

- ♦ 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7 pm (except December): Monthly Club Meeting
- ♦ 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7 pm (except December): Monthly Workshop
- ♦ 2nd Sunday of the Month at 2 pm: [GARS Ham Exam Session](#)
Fire Station #24
2735 Mall of Georgia Blvd
Buford, GA 30519
- ♦ Every Monday at 7:30 pm: GARS Want, Swap, Sell, and Information Net on the GARS 147.075 MHz repeater
- ♦ Every Monday at 8:30 pm: ARES Training on the GARS 147.075 MHz repeater
- ♦ Most Saturdays at 7:30 am: GARS Weekly Breakfast
Golden Corral Restaurant
2155 Riverside Parkway,
Lawrenceville, GA 30043

GARS CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR JUNE 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
May 27	May 28 7:30 - 8:00 pm GARS 2m Net	May 29	May 30	May 31	1	2 Breakfast at Golden Corral Atlanta Hamfest
3	4 7:30 - 8:00 pm GARS 2m Net	5	6	7	8	9 7:30 - 9:30 am Breakfast at Golden Corral Riverside Drive
10 GARS VE Team Testing Session Starts at 2:00 pm Gwinnett Co. Fire Station #24	11 7:30 - 8:00 pm GARS 2m Net	12 5:00 - 6:30 pm Dinner 7:00 - 9:00 pm GARS Meeting	13	14	15	16 7:30 - 9:30 am Breakfast at Golden Corral Riverside Drive
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	<p>Fourth Tuesday ARRL VEC 7 pm @ United Way Service Center 6279 Fairburn Rd., Douglasville Contact: Jessie Clower, KB4WFK (770) 942-6466</p> <p>Fourth Sunday 2:30 pm Georgia Tech VanLeer Elec. Building Rm. W218, 777 Atlantic Dr. For more information go to www.w4aql.com and click on "Test Sessions"</p>	

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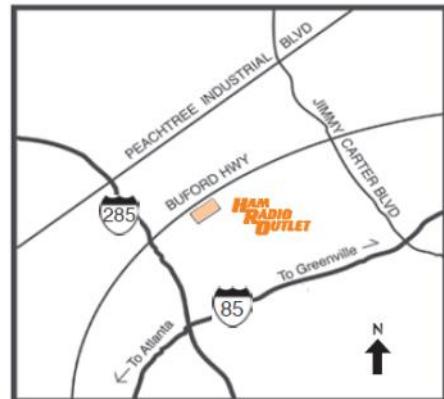


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